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Secretary Clinton Meets Prime Minister Fayyad



On July 16, U.S. Secretary of State Hilary Clinton met with Palestinian Prime Minister Salam Fayyad in Jerusalem. Afterwards, when speaking to the press, Secretary Clinton said: “As we proceed, we must keep supporting the Palestinian Authority as they work to provide security and economic growth to their people. And in my excellent meeting with Prime Minister Fayyad today, he briefed me on the challenges the Palestinian Authority faces, and we discussed how the United States and the international community can help support them.”

See Also:

[Secretary Clinton Travels to Jerusalem](#)

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton traveled to Jerusalem, July 15-16.



America House in Jerusalem

is pleased to announce the following program
at our location on Nablus Road

Open Hours for the library during July:

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 1:30 PM – 4:30 PM

Browse our books and magazines.
Feel free to take a book outside and read in the garden.

English Corner

Join us and practice your English

Thursday, July 26, 2012, 4:30 PM for Youth

Discussion topic: Ramadan in America

Are you trying to improve your English?
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Come to America House and join us for some casual English
conversation practice. Adults of all levels are welcome.

*Please let us know if you can join us by e-mailing
JerusalemAmericaHouse@state.gov or by calling 02-563-4029 and leaving a message.*

*America House is the U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem's cultural center
in East Jerusalem and was established in 2010.*

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القنصلية الامريكية العامة في القدس

Ramadan Kareem



The Islamic holy month of Ramadan is not only a time of fasting, reflection and spirituality for Muslims. It's also a time to focus on helping the needy. During Ramadan, many American Muslims enjoy iftar, at halal restaurants, which prepare food in accordance with Islamic dietary laws. Click the [link](#) and check out this photo gallery about Iftar in America.

رمضان كريم

رمضان كريم: ان شهر رمضان الكريم بالاضافة لكونه وقت الصيام و التأمل الروحي للمسلمين فهو ايضا وقت للتركيز على على مساعدة المحتاجين. خلال شهر رمضان، يستمتع المسلمون الامريكيون بالافطار في مطاعم الحلال و التي تحضر الطعام وفق التعاليم الاسلامية. اضغط [الرابط](#) للاطلاع على اليوم الصور حول الافطار في أمريكا

Students Think Critically about Gender and Freedom at America House

Between 11- 13 July, the U.S. Consulate's "America House" held a "critical thinking" sessions in Jerusalem about gender issues and the meaning of freedom. Having already tackled core youth empowerment topics, such as communication and creative writing, in previous sessions, the youth explored gender and freedom in the local society. The group was surprised to learn that Franklin Delano Roosevelt's 1941 "Four Freedoms" speech, " (freedom of speech, freedom of worship, freedom from want, and freedom from fear,) formed the essential foundation of the UN's Universal Declaration of Human Rights.



2012 TechGirls Program

Tech-savvy teenage girls from seven Middle Eastern countries and the Palestinian Territories traveled to the United States for the first meeting of the State Department's new TechGirls exchange program June 25 to July 17. The 25 teenagers represented Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, the Palestinian Territories, Tunisia and Yemen and came from a colorful variety of cultures, but all shared a love of technology and a willingness to broaden their horizons. Though many TechGirls participants said they learned about distinctive and positive aspects of American culture, others said that they thought American and Arab kids were fundamentally similar. One participant from the Palestinian Territories said: "I stayed with teenagers and I learned more about American culture, and we visit[ed] many places, we met different people, but I think they're not that different," she said of the cultural differences between young Americans and Arabs. "We're the same, we're teenagers."



See Also in Arabic : [برنامج 'فتيات التكنولوجيا' للعام 2012، يوسّع الآفاق](#) :

Arab College Students Visit U.S., Learn Business Skills

A select group of 100 college students from across North Africa and the Middle East recently spent nearly four weeks at Indiana University's Kelley School of Business, learning about business plans, social entrepreneurship, nonprofit management and other topics.

The 61 men and 39 women, aged 18 to 24, are from Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, the Palestinian Territories, Morocco and Tunisia, and their fields of study include computer science, engineering, medicine and business. All have ideas for starting businesses, which is why they were chosen to participate in a summer scholarship program designed to increase Arab students' exposure to entrepreneurship and business education, sponsored by the Coca-Cola Company and the U.S. State Department.

Students from the Palestinian Territories spoke of the need for safer delivery of gas to homes and businesses, where leaks from gas cylinders produce "lots of accidents and injuries." The Palestinian students said they would provide a service to fill gas cylinders using an imported product from South Korea. "Our service saves lives," they said.



طلبة جامعيون عرب يحضرون دورة تدريبية على مهارات الأعمال التجارية بجامعة إنديانا الأميركية

قضت مجموعة مختارة تتألف من 100 طالب من طلبة الجامعات من الشرق الأوسط وشمال أفريقيا حوالي أربعة أسابيع مؤخرًا بكلية كيلي للأعمال التجارية التابعة لجامعة إنديانا خلالها على مبادئ وضع خطط الأعمال التجارية وريادة المشاريع الإجتماعية، وإدارة المنظمات غير الربحية وغيرها من المواضيع والمهارات.

وقد جاء الطلبة والطالبات الذين تراوحت أعمارهم من 18 إلى 24 عاما من كل من الجزائر ومصر والأردن والأراضي الفلسطينية والمغرب وتونس. وكانت مجالات تخصصهم علوم الكمبيوتر، والهندسة، والطب، والأعمال التجارية. وكان لديهم جميعا أفكار حول تأسيس أعمال تجارية، ولهذا السبب وقع الإختيار عليهم للمشاركة في برنامج منح صيفي يرمي إلى زيادة تعريف الطلبة العرب بريادة المشاريع وعلوم الأعمال وهو برنامج ترعاه شركة كوكاكولا للمرطبات ووزارة الخارجية الأميركية

وتحدثت مجموعة من الطلبة الفلسطينيين عن الحاجة لإيصال الغاز إلى المنازل والشركات بصورة أكثر أمانا حيث ينتج عن تسربات الغاز من العبوات "الكثير من الحوادث والإصابات." وقال الطلبة إنهم سيطرحون خدمة لتعبئة عبوات الغاز باستخدام منتج مستورد من كوريا الجنوبية وأشاروا إلى أن "خدماتنا تنقذ أرواح الناس

Op-Ed by Secretary Clinton on the Art of Smart Power

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The Art of Smart Power

By Hillary Rodham Clinton

As the balance of world power shifts, the US is developing a novel range of diplomatic, social, economic, political and security tools to fix the world's complex new geopolitical problems.

I touched down in Beijing in May for the fourth round of the US-China Strategic and Economic Dialogue with a jam-packed agenda, but the world's attention was focused instead on the fate of a blind human rights dissident who had sought refuge in the American embassy. Suddenly, an already delicate trip had become an outsized test of the US-China relationship.

Throughout history, the rise of new powers usually has played out in zero-sum terms. So it is not surprising that the emergence of countries such as China, India and Brazil has raised questions about the future of the global order that the United States, the United Kingdom and our allies have helped build and defend. Against this backdrop, those few days in May took on even greater significance: could the US and China write a new answer to the old question of what happens when an established power and rising power meet?

When I became secretary of state in early 2009, there were questions about the future of America's global leadership. We faced two long and expensive wars, an economy in free fall, fraying alliances and an international system that seemed to be buckling under the weight of new threats.

A lot has changed in three years. Under President Obama's leadership, the US has ended the war in Iraq and begun a transition in Afghanistan; we have revitalised American diplomacy, strengthened our alliances and re-engaged with multilateral institutions. And while the economic recovery is not as strong as anyone would like, we have pulled back from the brink and are heading in the right direction.

New powers are playing a greater role on the world stage. But this is not 1912, when friction between a declining Britain and a rising Germany set the stage for global conflict. It is 2012, and a strong America is working with new powers and partners to update an international system designed to prevent global conflict and promote global prosperity.

Today, the great powers are at peace and no totalitarian empire threatens the world as it did during the Second World War and the cold war. But we face different challenges – from the financial crisis and growing income inequality to climate change, nuclear proliferation and international terrorism – that spill across borders and defy unilateral solutions. At the same time, political and technological changes are allowing huge numbers of people around the world to influence events as never before. And new players, from those emerging economic powers to non-state actors such as corporations and cartels, are reshaping the international landscape.

So the geometry of global power is becoming more distributed and diffuse even as the challenges we face become more complex and cross-cutting. That means that building coalitions for common action is becoming both more complicated and more crucial.

Still, amidst all this change, two constants remain. First, as the world becomes ever more interconnected and interdependent, a just, open and sustainable international order is required to promote global peace and prosperity. And second, that order depends on American economic, military and diplomatic leadership, which has underwritten global peace and prosperity for decades...

FACT SHEET

Secretary Clinton's Remarks at Evidence and Impact: Closing the Gender Data Gap

Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton delivered remarks at Evidence and Impact: Closing the Gender Data Gap. Hosted by the Department of State and Gallup, Inc. in Washington, D.C., the conference brought together leaders in business, academia, big data, government, and the international community to discuss how to collect and use data to create better policies and outcomes for women and girls, and thus entire economies and societies. As the Secretary said in her remarks, "Data not only measures progress, it inspires it."

Why More Data is Needed

Research indicates that investments in women's employment, health, and education are correlated with a range of positive outcomes, including greater economic growth and improved child health and survival. A growing body of evidence shows that women's contributions in decision-making can lead to improved outcomes in conflict prevention and resolution. However, across the world, we are missing critical gender data on women and girls' economic, political and social well-being and status, independently and relative to men.

Secretary Clinton's Vision for Improved Data Collection & Analysis

The Secretary outlined a vision for improved data collection and analysis to leverage our investments and drive better outcomes. She emphasized the need to build political will, increase resources, and harness the power of the digital revolution. She challenged governments, multilaterals, foundations, academia, and the private sector to take concrete steps, including:

- Investing in gender-sensitive data collection, use and publication;
- Harmonizing and coordinating data collection methods, questions, and indicators;
- Leveraging public-private partnerships, as well as academic and technological innovations, to generate gender-sensitive data; and
- Developing national capacity to collect and analyze data and training for the next generation of data scientists to create and use gender-sensitive data.

Launch of Data2X

To further this vision, the Secretary launched Data2X, which will publish a roadmap for closing key gender data gaps and develop principles and standards for curricula on gender-sensitive data collection and use. The project, with initial support from the Hewlett Foundation and USAID, will collaborate with the UN, the World Bank, OECD, PARIS21, and Gallup.

See Also: [Secretary Clinton on Closing the Data Gap on Gender Issues](#)

The U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem Announces the 2013 Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant (FLTA) Program

- The U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem and the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) are pleased to announce the Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant (FLTA) Program for FY 2013.

The Fulbright FLTA Program is a nine-month non-degree program that provides young teachers of English an opportunity to refine their teaching skills, increase their English language proficiency, and extend their knowledge of the society and culture of the United States. FLTAs work as teaching assistants for their native language (Arabic) to U.S. students, thus strengthening foreign language instruction at U.S. colleges and universities. Fulbright FLTA participants also interact with their host communities in conversation groups, extracurricular activities, and community outreach projects. Fulbright FLTA participants must return to their home countries upon completion of the program.

Deadline: July 30, 2012.

The U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem Announces The 2013-2014 Humphrey Program

The Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program is a Fulbright program that brings accomplished young and mid-career professionals with demonstrated leadership potential to the United States for a year of non-degree graduate-level study, leadership development, and professional enrichment. Fellows come from countries in various stages of development or transition. By providing future leaders and policy makers with experience in U.S. society, culture, and professional fields, the program provides a basis for lasting, productive ties between Americans and their professional counterparts overseas. The 2013-2014 Recruitment Guidelines, which may be downloaded from <http://posts.humphreyfellowship.org>
Jerusalem and West Bank Applicants: Email CV to Exchanges@state.gov and copy SirianiMY@state.gov; call 02-622-7107 for more information
Gaza Applicants: Email CV to [Essam Mattar \(emattar@palnet.com\)](mailto:emattar@palnet.com); call 08-286-4623 or 059-967-7317 for more information.

Application Deadline and inquiries:

Please submit application to <http://posts.humphreyfellowship.org/> and send us a copy of your CV by **September 21, 2012.**

Reagan-Fascell Democracy Fellows

Reagan-Fascell Democracy Fellows maintain full-time residence at the [International Forum for Democratic Studies](#), NED's research arm located in Washington, D.C. Dedicated to international exchange, the program offers a collegial environment for fellows to reflect on their experiences and consider lessons learned; conduct research and writing; develop contacts and exchange ideas with counterparts in Washington, D.C.; and build ties that contribute to the development of a global network of democracy advocates.

The Reagan-Fascell program will host two five-month fellowship sessions in 2013-2014: Fall 2013 Session: October 1, 2013 to February 28, 2014

Spring 2014 Session: March 1 to July 31, 2014

For information about the application process, please **read through each of the sections** listed in the **Table of Contents on the right**, paying **particular attention** to the sections under [About Us](#) and [Submitting Your Application](#).

Once you have familiarized yourself with this information, you may proceed to our [Online Application System](#), where you will be asked to register and set up a profile in order to begin your fellowship application.

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